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SUBJ: JUAN MIGUEL BAKULA, NEW PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS

- 1. GOP ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 5 THAT CAREER DIPLOMAT JUAN MIGUEL BAKULA WILL BE ITS NEW AMBASSADOR IN FRANCE, THUS ENDING A 2-YEAR HIATUS IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
- 2. CAREER. THE 61 YEAR-OLD BAKULA HAS BEEN WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS. HIS SENIOR ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED: DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (1964), ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL (1966), AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR (1967), DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE (1972), DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S TRAINING ACADEMY (1973). U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE HAD MOST CONTACT WITH HIM ON LOS MATTERS. BAKULA WAS DIRECTOR FOR FRONTIERS AND LIMITS (1967-70), HEADED PERU'S DELEGATION TO THE MARCH 1973 UN SEABED COMMITTEE SESSION, AND CURRENTLY LEADS PERU'S DELEGATION TO THE LOS TALKS IN NYC.
- 3. PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDES. BAKULA IS A RELATIVELY PRAGMATIC NATIONALIST. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY ASSERTED PERU'S SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO A CLAIM OF 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND REJECTED THE CLAIM OF COMMON MARINE PATRIMONY UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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LAW; HE HAS INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE HIGH SEAS MUST BE

FREE FOR THE USE AND EXPLOITATION OF ALL COUNTRIES. WHEN ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1966, HE APPEARED WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION OVER THE PERUVIAN NAVY'S USE OF FORMER U.S. NAVAL VESSELS TO ARREST U.S. TUNA FISHERMEN OPERATING WITHIN THE 200-MILE AREA CLAIMED BY PERU. HE WAS CAREFUL TO ESCHEW WRITTEN PROTOCOLS THAT MIGHT HAVE JEOPARDIZED HIS STANDING AS A PATRIOTIC NATIONALIST. BAKULA IS ABLE AND EFFICIENT, AND RATHER MEASURED OF SPEECH AND CLOSEMOUTHED ABOUT PROFESSIONAL MATTERS.

4. PERSONAL DATA. IN SOCIAL RELATIONS THE AMBASSADOR IS ALWAYS POLITE AND FRIENDLY. HE IS QUITE TALL (ABOUT SIX FEET) FOR A PERUVIAN. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER LAURA BUDGE NOSIGLIA; THEY HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS AND A SON. DEAN

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